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Two compete to acquire PET scanner

RALEIGH—Greensboro Imaging at Kernersville and Forsyth Medical Center have filed competing applications with the Certificate of Need Section of the N. C. Division of Health Service Regulation to acquire a positron emission tomography (PET) scanner.

A public hearing for these projects will be held at 1 p.m. on July 18 in the Council Chambers - Courtroom in the Kernersville Town Hall, 134 E. Mountain St., Kernersville.

The 2008 State Medical Facilities Plan identifies a need for one additional PET scanner in Health Service Area II, which includes Caswell, Alamance, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Forsyth, Davidson, Surry, Yadkin, and Davie counties. A PET scanner uses computer and radiation detectors to analyze body functions in response to radioactive tracers to diagnose certain cancers and brain impairments. A brief description of each proposed project follows:

- Triad PET Scanner Alliance, LLC, a joint venture between Diagnostic Radiology & Imaging, LLC and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, proposes to acquire a \$1.9-million combined PET/CT scanner and lease it to Diagnostic Radiology & Imaging, LLC. The PET/CT scanner will be located at Greensboro Imaging at Kernersville, a diagnostic center owned by Diagnostic Radiology & Imaging, LLC. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$2.8 million.
- Forsyth Medical Center proposes to acquire a \$2.9-million combined PET/CT scanner that will be located near the existing PET/CT scanner on the hospital campus. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$4.5 million.

Anyone may file written comments concerning these proposals. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than July 1 at the following address:

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